

REMARKS

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing and considering the pending application. The Office Action dated November 18, 2005 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 1, 4, and 9 have been amended. Claim 7 has been canceled and claims 5 and 10 were previously canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 6, 8, and 9 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Initially, the Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Gravini for taking the time to speak with the Applicant's representative on March 27, 2006. During the Telephonic Examiner Interview, the above-noted claim amendments along with the references cited in the Office Action dated November 18, 2005 were discussed.

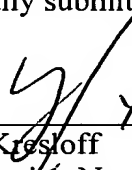
The Office Action rejected claims 1-3 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,555,647 to *Torborg et al.* (hereinafter "*Torborg*"). The Office Action also rejected claims 4 and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Torborg* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,343,529 to *Pool* (hereinafter "*Pool*"). The Office Action also rejected claims 1-4 and 6-9 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,874,248 to *Hong et al.* (hereinafter "*Hong*") in view of either *Torborg* or *Pool*. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. During the Telephonic Examiner Interview, Examiner Gravini kindly pointed out that the above-noted amendments include subject matter not disclosed in the cited references. Accordingly, the application is in a condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner believes a conversation with the Applicant's representative would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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